



*Office of Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
LEADING BOLDLY, WORKING TOGETHER*

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Colin Simpson – Project Manager

DATE October 19th, 2011

Phone: 815.987.5579

2011 WHITMAN INTERCHANGE REPAIRS UPDATE

Rockford – Effective October 19th, 2011

During the week of October 24th the Whitman Street Bridge Interchange will be under continued construction.

Motorists are reminded that use of cell phones is strictly prohibited in construction zones.

This project will provide various repairs to all City of Rockford owned ramps throughout the interchange. Construction is anticipated to be complete by early November.

Planned repairs include removal of loose debris, pothole patching, full width re-paving and various utility improvements. Throughout the construction process, one ramp will be completely closed to traffic each day to complete repairs. Each ramp will then be re-opened to traffic at night.

Construction anticipated for the week of October 24th focuses on blacktop paving throughout the interchange and including the portion of 6th Street extending from the interchange to State Street. Drivers are encouraged to specifically avoid the 6th Street ramp during construction work if possible. Alternate routes are available via the 2nd Street ramp.

Traffic patterns may change periodically throughout the day. No official detour routes will be provided. Changeable message boards will be set up to provide guidance to

motorists. Vehicles are encouraged to find alternate routes when possible to avoid traveling through the work zone.

Construction crews will be working in close proximity to traffic during this project and so motorists are being asked to pay close attention when approaching and driving through the work zone.

Updated press releases will be provided each week with further information regarding this project.

Questions regarding the Whitman Interchange project should be directed to Colin Simpson in the Public Works Department at (815) 987-5579.